

# Passport Requirements for Australia (per Foreign Clearance Guide)

## 1. US Military.

- a. TDY Military personnel on official business visiting or transiting Australia require military ID cards and travel orders.

(1) TDY travel orders must name Australia specifically as a destination in addition to the unit of assignment.

- b. No-fee passport required for military personnel assigned to the 337th ASUF or the Australian Defense Force under the foreign exchange program.
- c. PCS Personnel entering Australia on an official passport must have either a visa or a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) stamp in their passport.

(1) Personnel under the Chief of Mission authority assigned to the US Embassy, or who will be assigned to the US Embassy, as an automatic follow-on assignment in Australia (i.e., legal exchange officers), require a diplomatic passport and visa.

(a) Personnel who are not part of the Chief of Mission's Diplomatic or Diplomatic Administrative and Technical Staff (e.g., most exchange officers, FAOs, military units, etc. require a no-fee passport with the correct SOFA stamp. The SOFA stamp must read: "The bearer is a member of the military component as defined in the 09 May 1963 Agreement between Australia and the United States.

(b) Official duty and PCS personnel entering Australia on SOFA status may, as an option, pass the official passport information to the 337 ASUF Legal Office for inclusion into the Government of Australia's Special Purpose Travel Authority (SPTA) database. Inclusion into the SPTA database has been effective in reducing conflicts and delays with airline ticketing staffs and immigration officers who fail to recognize that SOFA status does not require an actual visa to be issued for Australia. Contact the 337 ASUF/JA for additional information: Commercial: 011-612-6214-5804/5817 (DSN 315-366-5804/5817), or e-mail: [337ASUF.JA@us.af.mil](mailto:337ASUF.JA@us.af.mil).

(2) Individuals who already possess an official passport must submit a DS-4085, "Application for Additional Visa Pages," along with a DD-1056 that includes the statement "Request Australian endorsement." in Block 17.

- e. Passport required for personnel planning to travel to neighboring countries (e.g., New Zealand, Vanuatu, Fiji, etc.).
- f. Passport required for personnel transiting New Zealand on official PCS or TDY orders.

(1) Passport must be valid for six (6) months (180 days) from the date of entry into New Zealand.

(2) In the case of short-notice TDY requirements, individuals without passports must list New Zealand in the itinerary section of their orders.

(3) Visas are not required by New Zealand for stays of less than 90 days.

(4) Personnel traveling to Australia on Air Mobility Command (AMC) C-17 missions can expect to remain overnight (RON) in New Zealand en route.

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1. Eligible family members of US military and DoD government civilians.
  - a. No-fee passport required for all eligible family members.

(1) Eligible family members of military personnel who travel to Australia in conjunction with PCS or TDY orders not under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Mission require the correct SOFA stamp in their passport. Their SOFA stamp must read as follows: "The bearer is a dependent of a member of the military component as defined in the 9 May 1963 Agreement between Australia and the United States."

(2) Eligible family members of DoD civilian personnel who travel to Australia in conjunction with official PCS or TDY orders not under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Mission require the correct SOFA stamp in their passport. Their SOFA stamp must read as follows: "The bearer is a dependent of a member of the civilian component as defined in 9 May 1963 Agreement between Australia and the United States."

(3) Obtain the correct SOFA stamp from the State Department through the local passport agent before traveling to Australia.

(a) Eligible family members of military personnel should request "Endorsement 69B."

(b) Eligible family members of US Government civilians should request "Endorsement 69G."

- d. Eligible family members must also carry a copy of the principal's travel orders.
- e. Visa not required provided the SOFA stamp is inserted in the passport. Although no visa is required, eligible family members may, as an option, pass passport information to the 337 ASUF Legal Office for inclusion into the Government of Australia's Special Purpose Authority (SPTA) database. See I.A.1.c.2.b above. Through this process, the traveler can obtain a free Australian Special Purpose Visa to facilitate travel in and out of Australia.
- f. Dependent Entry Approval (DEA) is a Navy process to obtain permission from an area commander to bring dependents into a specific area. Information on how to obtain DEA and points of contact are available at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/distribution/Pages/DependentEntry.aspx>.